

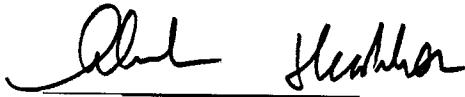
REMARKS

In the Official Action of April 27, 2009, the Examiner indicated that all claims (1-37) were subject to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner indicated that the inventions were patentably distinct and were restrictable as between the invention of Group I, including claims 9-37, drawn to fastener element/component assembly, classified in class 411, subclass 176; and Group II including claims 1-8, drawn to a method of producing an electrically conductive connection, classified in class 470.

Applicant herein elects Group I, claims 9-37.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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